

## HURRICANE DEATH TOLL NOW AT 131

### Hartford, Coloma Tax Boosts Okayed; River Vetoes Merger

Two area school districts approved requests for additional operating millage Monday, averting curtailed programs had the tax funds not been approved.

Receiving approval were: eight mills for one year in Hartford school district, 489 to 393, and three mills for three years for Coloma schools, okayed by a narrow eight vote margin, 478 to 470.

School officials in both districts indicated prior to the

elections that cuts would be necessary if extra tax funds were not approved by voters.

In a third election, River school district, Sodus township, rejected annexation to the Eau Claire school system, defeating three proposals by resounding margins.

For these and other stories of area interest, turn to page 11.

### Fatality List May Exceed 150

#### Damage Even Worse Than First Feared

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP) — An increasingly grim picture of Hurricane Camille's devastation along the Gulf Coast emerged today as rescue workers uncovered 23 bodies in an apartment complex, raising the death toll to at least 128. Three more were killed in Cuba.

"We know there are more bodies," said State Sen. Nap Cassibry, coordinator of Civil Defense along Mississippi's coastal strip. "We estimate the final toll will be between 150 and 200."

It was still too early for an estimate of damage along the coastal resort area, but Cassibry estimated \$500 million in damages to coastal military installations alone.

#### 'WAR COUNCIL'

Civil Defense and other officials set what they termed a "war council" for later in the morning to tighten up operations in the hard-hit area.

"We've got a management problem," said Wade Guice, a Civil Defense spokesman. "We're running a supermarket with a clerk."

"The problem is so vast we are miring down in details and can't see the forest for the trees," he said. "We've got to be more strict but I don't mean martial law. We're unloading generators for the water wells now and prospects are good that we'll have water lines back in operation soon at Gulfport."

Guice said Vice President Spiro T. Agnew was expected to survey the situation personally in Gulfport and news sources said Agnew already was in the area. Agnew's office in Washington was non-committal, however.

Meanwhile, the Weather Bureau in New Orleans said hard-hitting Camille has been relegated to the status of a rain storm and was centered over southwestern Kentucky and Tennessee this morning.

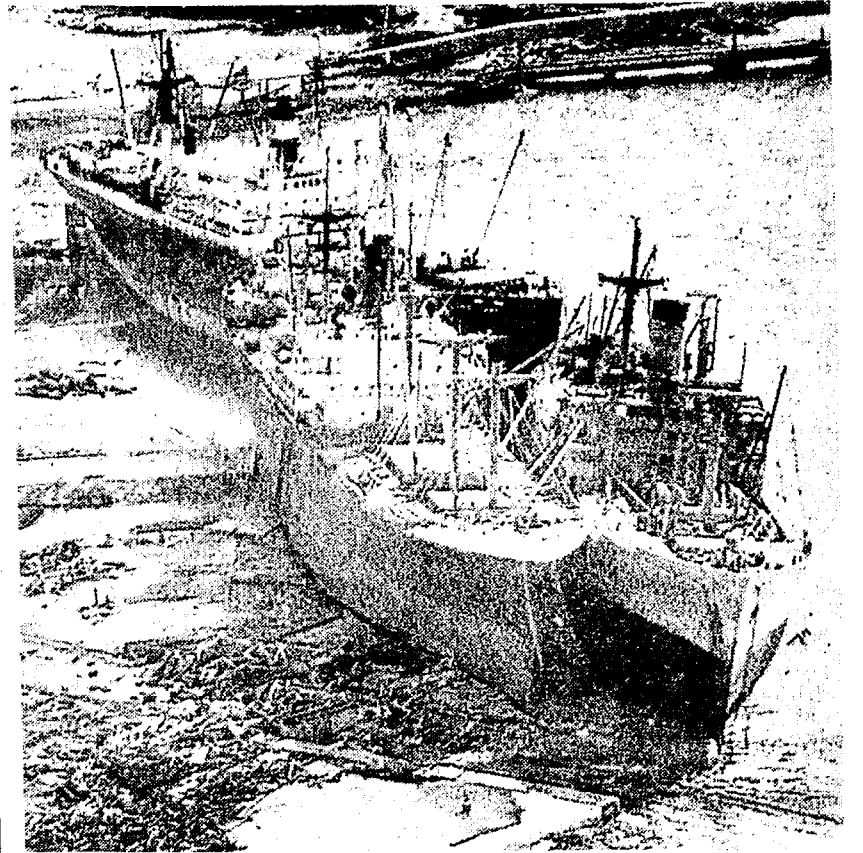
#### DIED AT PARTY

Rescue workers uncovered 23 bodies in the modern 3-story Richelieu apartment complex in Pass Christian. The police chief there said a large group was holding a hurricane party in the brick complex while waiting out Camille.

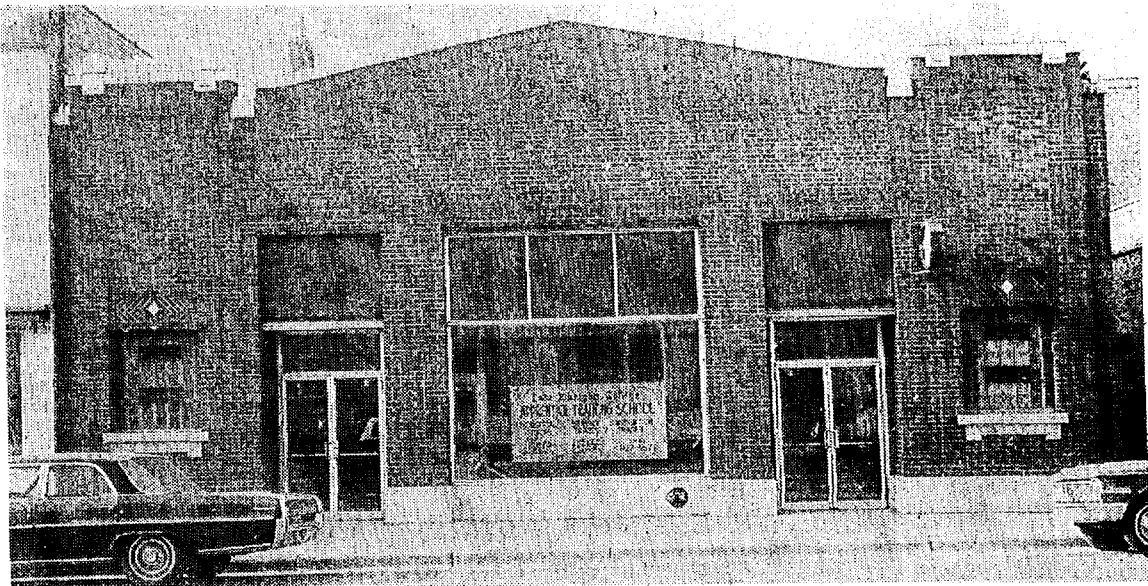
The weight of the wreckage left by Camille was hampering work by 1,500 National Guardsmen, 500 Civil Defense workers and many volunteers this morning.

"We have enough people to do the work," said Cassibry. "What we need is supplies. Supplies were coming."

At Atlanta, a dozen C124 (See back page, sec. 1, col. 6)



SHIPS BEACHED BY CAMILLE: Three large freighters at Gulfport, Miss., area were washed ashore as hurricane Camille struck the Mississippi coast with 150 mile an hour winds and left the coast in shambles Monday. (AP Wire-photo)



DONATED TO COUNTY: Berrien county board of supervisors Monday accepted the former News-Palladium building, at 59-65 Wall street, Benton Harbor,

as an outright gift from the Palladium Publishing Co. Company president W.J. Banyon made the offer. (Staff photo)

### Berrien Board Accepts Palladium Building

#### Gift To County Could Provide Court Site

The Berrien county board of supervisors Monday accepted with glee an outright gift by the Palladium Publishing Co. of a building at 59-65 Wall street, Benton Harbor.

Formerly home of the News-Palladium, the building was offered to the county by Palladium Publishing Co. President W.J. Banyon as a possible location for the District Court system.

However, the offer was unconditional, permitting the county to use the property in any way, including the right to lease or sell it.

Proposed by the county administration committee, a resolution to accept the offer was unanimously accepted by the board.

#### EXTENDS THANKS

Board Chairman Frank Poorman gave his personal thanks to Banyon and the publishing company, noting that the board had been looking for a court building since the

district court system was established in January.

Under a new state law, Berrien county's Fifth and Sixth district courts will be combined into a single court Sept. 1.

The board did not decide how the building would be used, however.

Home of the News-Palladium for 33 years, the building was vacated in 1955 when the newspaper moved its offices, news, composing and pressrooms to its present location at Michigan and Oak streets.

#### USED BY COLLEGE

The old publishing house was then rented for seven years to the Whirlpool Technical Institute of Benton Harbor Community college.

In 1966, use of the building was given rent-free to the



W. J. BANYON  
Palladium Co. President

Benton Harbor public library while the new library was being built. The library used the building for storage and cataloging purposes.

Most recently, the former newspaper plant has been used as a public meeting place and by Lake Michigan College.

### C. Willard Mitchell Dead At 56

#### Authority On Fruit Processing

C. Willard (Bill) Mitchell, an authority in the fruit and vegetable processing industry, died at 5:15 a.m. today of an apparent heart attack at Mercy hospital. He was 56 years old.

Mr. Mitchell was a member of a well-known Twin City family. He was district sales manager for Musselman Fruit Products Division, Pet, Inc., covering the midwest and western states.

Mr. Mitchell joined the former Dwan's Home Canning Co. in 1948 before it merged with Pet Milk Co. He had been with Michigan Fruit Canners 15 years previously.

A resident of 4015 Pinewood drive, Point O'Woods, Mr. Mitchell was a past president of Point O'Woods Country club.

#### DOCTOR'S SON

He was born in Benton Harbor, Jan. 21, 1913, the son of Dr. Carl A. and Millie Mitchell.

He was a graduate of Michigan State university, with a degree in chemical engineering. He served on the YMCA Board and was a member of the Lakeshore Masonic lodge No. 298 and the Calvin Britain lodge No. 72, Royal Arch Masons and was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

Surviving are his widow, the former Evelyn Cox, whom he married in Plymouth, Ind., on Sept. 11, 1936; a son Carl F. of Benton Harbor; four daughters, Mrs. Bruce (Carolyn) Hunt of Crystal Lake, Ill., Mrs. Richard (Kathy) Zebell of Benton Harbor; Cynthia and Jane at home; a brother Robert M. of Benton Harbor; a sister, Mrs. John (Margaret) Louth of San Mateo, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete this morning at the Florin funeral home.

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### Zollar, Area Migrant Labor Camps Assailed

#### Senator Poses As Worker, Criticizes Conditions

Migrant labor camps in southwestern Michigan have come under fire by two state legislators and a Detroit newspaper.

Sen. Roger Craig (D-Deerborn) posed as a migrant laborer for three days to pick up his share of the "meanest work I've ever seen" and described living conditions as "incredibly bad."

The Detroit Free Press assailed Sen. Charles Zollar (R-Benton Harbor) for opposing bills intended to aid migrants. The story said a labor camp owned by Zollar on 194 east of Benton Harbor "is better than some, worse than others."

Rep. Thomas L. Brown (R-Lansing) has asked the State Department of Health to inspect the "deplorable migrant labor camps in Berrien and Van

Buren counties." He said he visited several camps and found the facilities an "obvious public health hazard."

Craig and Ruben Alfare, midwest regional director of the Bishop's Committee for the Spanish Speaking, said they earned \$48.60 for working a total of 35 hours.

#### HARDEST WORK

"I have done all kinds of hard work — assembly line construction, factory work, operating a crane, handling a jackhammer and shoveling," said Craig who believes that none was hard as his work as a migrant.

Craig, mentioned as a possible Democratic candidate for governor, said he picked for a certain grower but stayed in a corrugated steel cabin owned by Ferris Pierson of rural Dowagiac, a grower who is a member of the State Agriculture Labor commission.

That was news to Pierson who said it definitely was not his camp. "I don't have corrugated steel. I don't grow pickles."

Pierson said the migrant workers have returned to his farm for several years.

"If these people are treated so bad, why do they come back to the same farms. Certainly they are not working for starving wages, or they wouldn't come back this year," he said.

#### DENIES REPORT

Pierson said there wasn't a man on his farm who earned less than \$82 last week. He also said that he believes that in three years, picking will be completely mechanized.

The Free Press called Zollar the chief Lansing spokesman for farmers who own migrant labor camps and said he has torpedoed several migrant assistance measures through his position as chairman of the Senate Appropriations committee.

Brown asked State Health Director R. G. Rice to investigate. Brown said he found overcrowded living conditions, inadequate sanitation, unsound living quarters and few recreational facilities for children.

"I am advised by reputable sources that similar public health problems exist in other counties. I would appreciate an immediate inspection and report from your department."



SEN. ROGER CRAIG  
Posed as migrant

### Hospital Board To Try Again

#### South Haven Unit Sets Vote Nov. 3

SOUTH HAVEN—The South Haven Community hospital board last night scheduled another millage election for Nov. 3, in an effort to raise some \$200,000 for improvements at the hospital here.

The proposition will be for 1 mill for three years. A similar proposal July 28 was defeated by 174 votes.

Board members last night also voted to form a steering committee to work with a publicity committee in campaigning for the forthcoming election, to be held the day before the regular fall general election.

Meanwhile, Edwin Appleyard, board chairman, said the hospital has received three years accreditation from the American Hospital association.

The millage election in July carried in the Cities of South Haven and Bangor, both in the hospital authority area. Rejection came in all six townships of the authority: Arlington, South Haven, Bangor, Casco, Covert and Geneva. The total vote in the eight unit authority in Van Buren county was 644; yes, and 828, no.

In other business, the board named to its membership Robert Chandler of Bangor.

### Migrants May Strike In Southeast Michigan

ERIE (AP)—Tomato farmers in Monroe County tonight discuss the possibility the United Farm Workers Union will try its first Michigan strike and ask migrant workers not to pick the ripening crop.

In Lansing, the newly formed Agricultural Labor Commission—a state legislative committee—among other items reviews what its chairman calls the "tense situation" in Monroe County.

#### \$1 MILLION CROP

Officials of the Michigan United Farm Workers Organizing Committee declined any direct comment on a strike against the growers, whose tomato crop

is worth at least \$1 million.

"We will be glad to sit down and negotiate with the growers," said Julian Herrera, a one-time migrant turned factory worker. He is head of the Michigan UFWOC, whose national leader, Cesar Chavez, has led three California grape strikes.

Martin LaPointe, has 40 acres planted in tomatoes near his farm home at Erie, is hosting the meeting of Monroe County farmers. His letter inviting them said issues on the agenda would include possible labor troubles, the effects of any strike, and the possibility of recognizing any legitimate gripe the migrants have.

The tomato crop covers at least 2,000 acres in the southeast Michigan county and is harvested primarily by Mexican-Americans who move north each summer from Texas and Florida.

Michigan ranks second among states in number of migrant workers employed, with about 50,000 this year, reports Dr. Daniel Sturt, head of the Agricultural Labor Commission and also of the Michigan State University Rural Manpower Center.

Blossom Lanes "Pro Day" Sat., 23rd, 11 a.m. - 6:30. Instruction, fitting & tournament. Adv.



## THE HERALD-PRESS

### Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

## Oil On Stormy Political Waters

According to a deadline set by President Nixon, a Cabinet task force headed by George P. Schultz, Labor Secretary, is to advise on the oil import quota system by November 15th.

This is an argument which has been simmering ever since the Eisenhower Administration, acting under statutory discretion granted by Congress, imposed an importation curb in 1959. Ike's executive order held crude oil imports to about 21 per cent of the U.S. domestic consumption of refined petroleum products.

The action nominally is a security measure.

It followed by two years the internationally explosive Sinai peninsula crisis which included Egyptian seizure of the Suez Canal, the waterborne artery for most of the world's tanker fleets.

Signing of the order came in a period of the cold war being on the front burner in which U.S. self sufficiency in petroleum products held a high priority.

Since that time relations between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. have lost some of their former strain, outwardly at least, and the business as usual attitude here at home is asserting itself widely on the quota system.

If national defense is filtered from the equation, the current argument is the time honored one of business competitors.

The quota's most noticeable effect is to maintain a floor under domestically produced crude oil at around \$3 a barrel.

Venezuela and the Middle Eastern countries can lay it down in our east coast ports for \$1.25 to \$1.40 less.

The economics and the politics

## Seaway's Future

The tenth anniversary of the dedication of the St. Lawrence Seaway is an appropriate time to sum up the successes and failures of its first years. While the operation of the historic undertaking has been relatively smooth during the first decade, the economics of the inland sea have met stormier weather.

As was expected, there have been operating difficulties. Strikes have marred the efficient movement of traffic, weather to a minor degree has been a problem, and the trend toward larger cargo vessels which cannot be accommodated by the seaway is something to be watched closely.

But the Seaway has proved once again the excellent cooperation enjoyed by Canada and the United States in joint ventures along the border.

The agreement establishing the Seaway, however, provides that it is to be self supporting both in investment and operation and maintenance. Revenue has been less than anticipated, and operating costs higher. Interest on the U. S. investment has not been entirely met through revenue.

Some adjustment in rates or the method of financing is called for. During the second decade of this venture is the time to put the seaway on a sound financial basis, if serious doubts concerning its feasibility are not to haunt the two countries on the twentieth anniversary.

Big volcanic eruptions may effect the weather. When Tambora erupted in the East Indies in 1816, so much dust and ash was thrown into the atmosphere that it shaded out the sunshine, producing "the year without a summer."

## Richard & The Giant



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

### BETTER PERIL FRUIT INDUSTRY

—1 Year Ago—

State Senator Charles Zollar today described an infestation of Japanese beetles in southwest Berrien county as "a major threat to the multi-million dollar fruit and vegetable industry of Southwestern Michigan."

If the beetles spread from wooded areas to agricultural sections of the county, the results will be a quarantine prohibiting shipment of produce outside this area, Zollar predicted.

### UCF BOOSTS FUND GOAL

—10 Years Ago—

The United Community Fund of the Twin Cities is quietly laying plans to give another boost to its 1959 goal, officials say.

The goal was recently announced at \$345,000 — \$53,000 more than was donated in 1958, and \$28,000 more than its 1958 goal of \$317,000.

### ALLIED FORCES DRIVE ON MARSEILLE

—25 Years Ago—

Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army, extending its southern France beachhead to 1,000 square miles, has spearheaded to within 31 miles of Marseille in a drive flanking Toulon and has pounced at least 32 miles inland.

Other towns taken were Solles-Pont, Careoul, Vins, and Brignoles, all north and northeast of Toulon.

### RETAILERS PICNIC

—3 Years Ago—

Fifty business men and their employees are expected to at-

tend the St. Joseph Retailers picnic at Berrien Hills Country club. On the committee in charge is Charles Cameron, chairman.

### BARODA HOME COMING

—15 Years Ago—

Baroda's homecoming was a record breaking success despite last week's hot weather. Huge crowds were present.

### RIDES FIRE TRUCK

—55 Years Ago—

Mayor A. J. Wallace had an exciting ride in the initial demonstration of Benton Harbor's new \$5,000 fire truck. It worked beautifully, attaining speeds of 50 miles an hour at times.

### SOCIETY PICNIC

—10 Years Ago—

The Congressional society gave its annual picnic this week at Royalton Heights.

## EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,  
The Herald-Press:

### CANCEL THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

In the 1968 Presidential election, Americans once again faced the dangers of an Electoral College mishap. You of the nation's press performed an extremely valuable public service by keeping the American people informed of the problems of our antiquated Electoral College system.

As we all know now, if there had been a change of less than 42,000 total votes in New Jersey, Missouri and Alaska, no candidate would have received an electoral vote majority, and thus the people of America would not have elected a President on election day 1968.

Six months and thousands of warnings later, many people have already forgotten the closeness of the 1968 Presidential election. As a result, interest in reform could wane. I am alarmed at this growing attitude of indifference. It is essential that action be taken before we experience an actual crisis that could shake the very foundations of our democracy.

For the past four years, as chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments, I have been studying our system of electing a President. I am taking the liberty of forwarding to you a progress report and summary of our findings.

In my judgment there are three major shortcomings in the present electoral system.

1. The people do not elect their President. Instead, electors are chosen from each state to do the voting for the people. These electors are practically unknown and, as we recently witnessed in North Carolina, are not bound to vote for the choice of the voters who elected them. This system could easily allow electors to make deals in a close election.

2. The Electoral College is unfair because each citizen's vote does not count equally. In Alaska, one electoral vote represents 75,000 people, while in California one electoral vote represents almost 400,000 people. In addition, under the unit rule, it is possible for a President to be elected by carrying the 11 largest states and the District of Columbia by the slightest margins, even if he is soundly defeated in the rest of the country. An example of the inequity of the unit rule in the 1968 election: 61.3 per cent of the people of Arkansas voted for either President Nixon or former Vice President Humphrey only to see all of their votes cast, under the unit rule, for

Governor Wallace who carried only 38.7 per cent of the total Arkansas popular vote.

3. The most significant shortcoming in the present system is that the Electoral College does not guarantee the election of the man who receives the most votes. This malfunction has actually occurred on three occasions, and on fifteen other occasions in our history, a change of less than 1 percent of the total popular vote would have sent to the White House a President who had actually lost the popular election.

My study has led me to conclude that the only adequate and just way to correct all of these defects is direct popular election.

This is the only plan which meets the following three criteria:

1. It guarantees that the man who receives the most popular votes is elected President.

2. It guarantees each voter an equal voice in the electoral process.

3. It guarantees the people a direct and personal part of the action.

These are the same criteria used in the election of all other officials in the United States.

I have taken the liberty of enclosing a list of questions that traditionally are raised in connection with direct election. Perhaps, there are others which you would like to see added to this list.

One of the questions most often raised is: "Can direct popular vote pass?" As far as I can determine, most evidence points to strong nationwide support.

A recent Gallup poll shows that 81 percent of the American people support direct popular election of a President. The U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the American Bar Association, the AFL-CIO, the UAW, the National Federation of Independent Business, and leading civic groups all across the country have endorsed direct election. But in the final analysis, the true test will come only when the matter is put to a vote in the Congress and then, hopefully, in the state legislatures.

Consideration of the direct popular vote issue is imminent in the House of Representatives. The direct popular election bill, H. R. 681, has passed the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 29 to 6. And on July 24th, the House Rules Committee reported it to the House for its consideration.

Some of my friends in the news media have expressed an interest in conducting a poll of their readers to see whether they want the right to vote directly for their President. The

propriety of this, of course, is a matter of individual judgment; however, it would provide an effective and useful barometer of grass-roots opinion. If you conclude that this is a worthwhile project, I would be pleased to provide any additional information that may be required. Needless to say, I would be most interested in knowing the results, as would numerous others who have been struggling with this problem for some time.

Thank you for permitting me to take so much of your time on this subject. It is a vital one, and I appreciate your interest.

Sincerely,  
BIRCH BAYH,  
U.S. Senator (Ind.)

Editor,  
The Herald-Press:

Dear Sir:

In June, the voters of the Saint Joseph school district approved the extension of their present 15-mill operating tax for 5 years. This vote and the public confidence it represents should enable the Board of Education to make some basic long range plans. School administrators should now be able to direct the educational program without interruption due to financial crisis.

Members of the Advisory Council for the St. Joseph schools are taking this opportunity to commend you and your staff for the excellent presentation of the issues to the citizens of the school district. We wish also to commend and thank the News-Palladium and the Herald-Press for the editorial which appeared in the papers shortly before the election. We feel certain that your clear presentations were most instrumental in the favorable response of the voters.

Please accept our thanks for your efforts and for the efforts of others on your staff.

DOUG BURR,  
Chairman  
RICHARD KENREICH,  
Vice Chairman  
Mrs. CLYDE KITCHIN,  
Secretary  
Mrs. ALLYN FARMER,  
Treasurer

### Factographs

Thirty to 40 freight cars of raw materials are required to fill a 1,300-ton blast furnace.

The Hottentots inhabited South Africa before the Zulu invasion.

The emblem that physicians display on their cars is called a caduceus.

## DR. COLEMAN

## ..And Speaking Of Your Health

The kidneys are two organs of outstanding complexity that make any elaborate chemical plant shrivel by comparison. In some way the kidneys play a role in almost every function of the body in health and in disease.

The kidneys are two organs about the size of a small melon. They are bean-shaped and lie high in the abdominal cavity. Closely attached to them are the adrenal glands which play a most important role in the hormone balance of the body. Actually the adrenal glands do not function directly through the kidneys.

Thousands of smaller tubes, nephrons, are filtering agents through which the blood passes and then empties its waste products into the urine. Now the urine passes into larger tubules which concentrate into the curve or pelvis of the kidney. It is at this point that most of the waste products from the blood have been emptied and are ready to be excreted from the body.

A tiny tube, the ureter, carries the urine from the kidney down into the urinary bladder where it collects until it is ready to be voided. Another tube, the urethra, has a powerful muscle which keeps the urine from leaking out of the bladder. This muscle relaxes when sufficient urine has accumulated and dilated the urinary bladder.

This process itself would be sufficient to make the kidneys wonderful organs. However, the other functions far outshine this one. By a delicate anism, the kidneys play a role in preventing an excess loss of important chemicals and minerals from the blood stream. Toxic drugs that might injure other organs of the body are removed while

valuable chemicals and nutrients are preserved.

The kidneys are subjected to infections and all the other diseases that affect other organs. Infections are known as nephritis and when particularly severe may alter the proper function of the kidney. The kidney can also be damaged by birth deformities within the organ itself and by anatomical changes in the urinary tract.

Stones or deposits of calcium or uric acid may lodge in the pelvis of the kidney or in the ureters and cause the pain that first attracts attention of the doctor to them.

So remarkable are the kidneys that the body can function in perfect health with only one kidney if it is a normal condition. The microscopic study of the urine and the chemical analysis of the blood indicate the state of the kidneys' function. By special X-rays, using opaque dyes, the kidneys can be studied for abnormalities.

One of the great contributions to modern medicine is the kidney machine which is used to remove waste products that accumulate in the blood stream when the kidneys are not functioning correctly. Uremia is a serious disorder due to the kidney's failure to eliminate toxic waste products. The mechanical process by which the kidney machine works is known as dialysis, which has been responsible for saving innumerable lives that might have otherwise succumbed to kidney failure.

**SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH:** Eye drops are easily contaminated. Throw them away when the infection is cleared.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

## JAY BECKER

## Contract Bridge

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 8 7 4 2  
♥ 6 4  
♦ A 8 5 3  
♣ 9 2

**WEST**  
♠ J 6 3  
♥ A J 10 9 3  
♦ 9 7 2  
♣ 10 6

**EAST**  
♠ Q 9 5  
♥ 8 5 2  
♦ Q J 6  
♣ J 7 4 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 10  
♥ K Q 7  
♦ K 10 4  
♣ A K Q 8 5

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2NT Pass 3♠ Pass  
3NT

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

Most players show 22 to 24 high-card points with an opening two notrump bid, but even the most dogmatic of them would probably approve South's two notrump bid in this case, considering the clubs to be worth 1 or 2 points more than their face value.

However, they might not endorse South's method of play at three notrump. He won the jack of hearts with the king and cashed the A-K-Q of clubs. When West showed out, declarer, with fingers crossed, led another club, hoping to find the hearts.

Note that this method of play succeeds whenever the clubs are divided 3-3, 4-2, or even when East has five or six to the J-10. It makes South a more than 10 to 1 favorite to make the contract.

## BENNET CERF

## Try And Stop Me

During a luncheon in the Wall Street sector, one broker told another, "Frankly, the only reason I got married was because I had grown sick and tired of eating in restaurants, listening to TV half the night, and wearing socks full of holes." "That's funny," commented his companion. "I got divorced for the same reason."

An angry tailor warned a delinquent customer, "This is my eleventh and last request for payment for the suit I made you three years ago. If I have not received your check by Monday, I will put the matter in the hands of the toughest collection agency in this state."

Back came this reply: "I don't remember the suit to which you refer. If you ever made it I never got it. If it was delivered, it didn't fit. I probably paid for it anyhow. And if I didn't, I can't. Respectfully . . ."

At a luncheon club: "I'm finished with getting dates via computer. I tried the system the other night and the girl I drew was a real dog. Of course, it was a calculated risk."

First base coach of a local baseball club: "Whenever one

hearts favorably divided, but East won the club and returned a heart to put the contract down one.

Of course, South would have made the hand had he found the clubs divided 3-3 or West with four of them, and to that extent he was unlucky.

However, his method of play was far from correct. Starting as he did with eight tricks, South should have taken better aim for his ninth trick.

His major concern should have been to try to avoid East's taking the lead for the potentially fatal heart return through the Q-7. All his efforts should have been addressed to this one possibility.

South should have entered dummy with a diamond at trick two and led a low club next. With East following low, South finesses the eight, not expecting the deep finesse to win, but attempting merely to establish his fifth club as the ninth trick.

As it happens, West wins the eighth with the ten but cannot stop the contract whatever he returns. So South's thoughtful planning succeeds and he is rewarded for his care with nine tricks.

Note that this method of play succeeds whenever the clubs are divided 3-3, 4-2, or even when East has five or six to the J-10. It makes South a more than 10 to 1 favorite to make the contract.



of our pitchers goes the route in a winning effort, we give him the ball he got the last out with as a momentum."

### Factographs

Up until the middle of the 16th century, comets were usually explained as "burning vapors."

A laying hen has a productive life of about 10 months to a year.

The upper range of human hearing is about 18,000 cycles a second.

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## BH SHOPPING CENTER OUTLOOK PAINTED ROSY

### BH Parking Rules Are Tightened

#### Commission Acts To Free Spaces For Shoppers

Two parts of a program designed to tighten auto parking control in Downtown Benton Harbor were adopted unanimously last night by the city commission.

Under the new ordinance, police are authorized to issue separate tickets to the same car for each overtime parking violation in the same space. A parking ticket bureau also was created.

The separate ticket authority will do away with motorists parking in one two-hour space all day and facing only a \$1 fine. It also provides for separate tickets each 15 minutes for violations other than overtime parking.

The provisions were given immediate effect and will be enforced once formal notice of the changes to the parking code is published in the newspaper.

#### IN AIR FOR NOW

Left for action later was the third part of the package which will set the ticket fine rates. It has already been tentatively approved by the commission. Under the rates, an overtime parking ticket will remain at \$1 if paid within 48 hours. The fine would jump to \$3 afterward. It is now \$2.

A fine of \$2 will be levied on tickets for violations such as double parking and parking in a no parking or other restricted zone. The figure jumps to \$4 after the 48-hour grace period.

Commissioner F. Joseph Flaugh, who introduced the changes, and Commissioner Edward Merrill both said the new rules should make it easier for shoppers to find open parking spaces. "And that will help the downtown merchants," added Flaugh.

#### OTHER ACTION

In other action, the commission authorized the taking of bids for paving streets that border on Benton township—Emery avenue from Broadway to Jennings, Jennings avenue from Emery to Lynch, Emery avenue from Union to Milton and Lynch from Jennings to Union. Benton township will share in the costs.

Bids also will be sought for paving Valley drive from College drive to Highland avenue and Schurz drive from Valley to Fair avenue. These streets are entirely within the city. Total costs of all the paving projects is estimated at \$25,000.

A request for tag days on Aug. 29-30 from the Blossomland Cadets was approved, but a request to add a 15-minute parking space on Pipestone street was turned down.

### Main Street Resurfacing Set In BH

Resurfacing of Main street from Paw Paw avenue east to Fair avenue in Benton Harbor will start tomorrow.

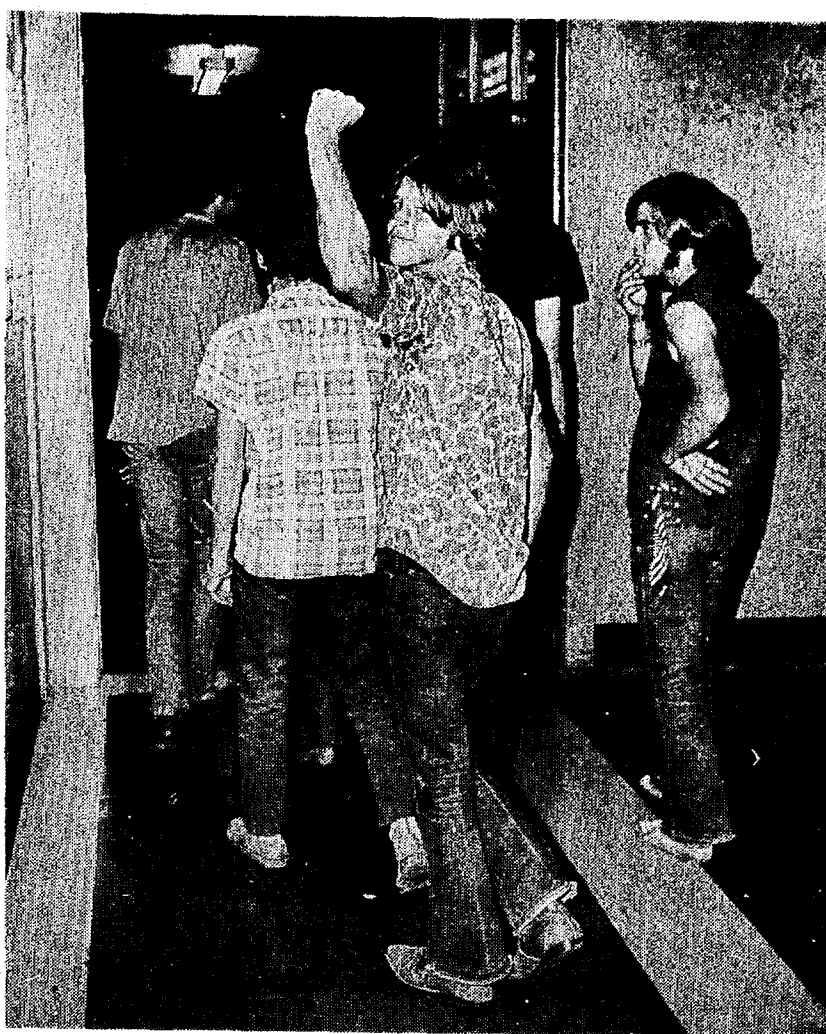
A. A. Antonovich, director of city public services, said the street will be reduced to two-lane traffic during the paving job which will take about a week. Parking will be prohibited in the construction area.

## SJ Township Board Will Vote On Contract

The St. Joseph township board last night tentatively scheduled a special meeting for noon Friday in the township hall, to vote on the proposed sewer contract between St. Joseph and Lincoln.

Township Superintendent Orval Benson said the completed contract should be in the hands of the board by the middle of this week. Provided this timetable is met, the board members should have enough time to study the proposals thoroughly and be ready to decide the matter during Friday's meeting.

Lincoln township approved the contract last week. Federal funds will be sought for part of



**FLIP FAREWELL:** An unidentified rock music enthusiast waves flip goodbye to photographer after group of young people made orderly presentation of request for free rock concerts at city band shell before city commission last night. Request was denied. (Staff photo).

## Plug Pulled On Rock Music Concert In Park

### Youths Denied SJ Bandshell

Some 30 young persons who dig the sound of amplified rock music confronted the city fathers of St. Joseph in their commission meeting last night and went away dissatisfied.

A spokesman for the group, David Seaman, 19, of 917 Pearl street, St. Joseph, complained of treatment received from the St. Joseph policemen who broke up a free rock concert in Kiwanis park Sunday afternoon. Seaman requested permission to have another such concert in the city's bandshell this next week.

Mayor W. H. (Duke) Ehrenberg replied that policy governing use of the bandshell allows only the municipal band and the Twin City Federation of Musicians to play there. Inviting the young persons to join these groups, the mayor explained that the policy is intended to insure "that we know what kind of music they're playing."

A police report of the incident Sunday afternoon indicated that four young persons were taken to the police station under

suspicion of possession of marijuana and subsequently released.

No marijuana was found on their persons, police said. All four gave addresses outside the Twin Cities.

"We didn't really appreciate the treatment we got from the police department," Seaman commented. "One person got his face beaten against the top of a squad car by a St. Joseph police officer, which the crowd of 100 people didn't appreciate. We went down to the police station, and they threatened to arrest us for loitering," Seaman said. He added that electricity for their musical instruments was turned off, bringing the concert to an end.

City Manager Leland Hill said: "No one was mistreated. You were told exactly what would happen and exactly what would happen did happen." Hill added that he didn't think the commissioners had to debate this type of issue "here and now," and said that he was personally responsible for turning

off the electricity.

#### RESIDENTS COMPLAIN

Hill said that the police acted in response to calls from residents who complained of the noise. Mayor Ehrenberg said that a lady with a sick baby phoned him and was frantic because of the music.

The commission's official reaction came when it unanimously adopted the resolution of C. A. Tobias to uphold past policy for use of the bandshell and deny its use to the group.

David Hart stepped forward from the group to hand to City clerk Charles Rhodes a petition that he said contained the signatures of persons around Kiwanis park who favor continuing the free rock concerts.

When Mayor Ehrenberg suggested that the group see the chief of police with their complaints, Seaman replied that they had seen the chief but he seemed to be unfamiliar with the details of the case. Seaman quoted a police officer as saying, "my heart bleeds for the boy," referring to the person whose face, Seaman alleged, had been pushed against the squad car.

OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting ended when a commissioner Tobias moved for adjournment and the other commissioners concurred. "It behooves all the commissioners to examine the record. Nothing further can benefit from discussion at this time," Tobias said.

Prior to this matter, however, the commission had conducted other business: It approved the final reading of a zoning change for a lot at Vail court and Lake shore drive. Zoned until last night for single-family dwelling, the lot is now restricted office-residential, which City Attorney Arthur G. Preston Jr. described as the most restricted of commercial designations.

Commissioners approved a resolution calling for a public hearing at the commission meeting in 30 days on a move to demolish a building at 2608 Morton avenue. Hill said that the city's safety inspector had

### Promoters Get 45-Day Extension

#### Tell Commission Keystone Firms All But Signed

Two local promoters last night gave the Benton Harbor city commission the rosiest picture to date of their efforts to develop a multi-million-dollar shopping center on the site of the old city fruit market.

Atty. Robert Small and Thomas DeRosa, real estate broker, said they expect to have two major retail chains signed for long-term department store leases before the end of September.

That should precipitate a quick rush of signing by smaller lessees and assure time-table construction of the proposed 30-store center, the promoters told commissioners during an executive session that followed the weekly public meeting of the commission.

On that basis the commission voted unanimously to extend an informal option on 33 acres of urban renewal land until Sept. 30. The "gentleman's agreement," secured in Sept. of 1968 with a payment of \$5,000 in earnest money, otherwise would have expired last night. Sales price of the 33 acres is pegged at \$500,682. The shopping center is expected to cost at least \$6.5 million.

Small and DeRosa are two of four men in partnership to develop the shopping center. The other two are Ralph Bierbaum of Stamford, Conn., and Jack Shenkinan of Detroit.

Their tentative plans have received not only the approval of the city commission but also of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), a senior partner in the city's urban renewal program.

#### FINAL AGREEMENT

Atty. Small said that if the two major chains sign final commitments by next month as expected, his partnership will be able to sign a final sales agreement for the 33 acres. That agreement calls for immediate payment of another \$20,000 earnest money by the partnership and a rigid progress schedule. Plans would have to be completed and approved within 180 days; construction would have to start in another six months.

Small and DeRosa speaking privately with the commission, named the two major chains that they expect to sign up for department stores scheduled to occupy 100,000 square feet or more each. But they asked that the firms' names not be made public. Small said:

"We are at the sensitive, final stage of negotiations and feel any publicity at this time could hurt."

#### NAMES WITHHELD

A reporter for this newspaper sat in on the conference. But in accordance with Small's request, the names of the "majors" he mentioned are being withheld.

The 33-acre sit for the local shopping center lies in an area of formerly notorious slum housing and run-down businesses known for decades as the "flats." Central to the site is about 17 acres that until two years ago was the city fruit market, since replaced by a new market on the east side of town.

Boundaries of the shopping center site are roughly Britain avenue on the south, Eleventh and Twelfth streets on the west, Market street on the north, and Ninthstreet and Coifax avenue on the east.

The center is planned as a completely enclosed, all-weather collection of stores. Even the corridors will be air-conditioned in summer and heated in winter.

It is already being called the "Old Market" shopping mall.

### Bridgman Grad To Be Teacher

Miss Lydia Gehrke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gehrke, Bridgman, who graduated from Concordia Teachers college, Seward, Nebraska, last June, will begin her teaching career in the Trinity Lutheran School of Grand Island, Nebraska, this fall.

The assignment was given to Miss Gehrke in July when the board of placement of the Lutheran church—Missouri synod met to assign graduates for service in the Lutheran teaching ministry.



**SPEAK WITH MAYOR:** Charles Joseph (left) and Ernest Whiteside (center) talk with Benton Harbor Mayor Wilbert F. Smith about two developments from block improvement club efforts, one good and one bad. Joseph, director of the Highland Development corporation, said his organization stemmed from activities of a block club and was now concerned with vandalism to houses being built or remodeled on Highland. Whiteside reported that a new improvement association, located on the city's south side, was being formed. Both men appeared before the city commission last night. (Staff photo).

## BH Improvement Units Bring Good, Bad News

### New Group Forms; Recent Vandalism Cited

Spokesmen for two organizations involved in neighborhood improvement last night appeared before the Benton Harbor city commission, one with a good report, the other with a not-so-good one.

Charles Joseph, of the Highland House Development corporation, said his organization was concerned about damage being caused by vandals to houses it is building or remodeling on Highland avenue.

"I come before the commission to express concern and our desire to continue with our work. . . . We will not tolerate this type of activity when we're trying to help the community. We will do all that is possible to bring them to justice."

The corporation is a branch of the Highland House project sponsored by Whirlpool and Area Resources Improvement Council (ARIC). Included was the opening of the center at 662 Highland avenue, for counseling and other neighborhood services.

The center itself has been the target of window-breakers and a house being built at 633 High-

land by the firm was set afire Aug. 10.

Ernest Whiteside, the other spokesman, said a new improvement association was being formed in the city's south side.

Whiteside said the area involved so far was bordered by Empire, Emery, Bishop and Pavone. Fifty-six residents in the area, he said, had expressed a definite interest in forming the association.

General clean-up, sanitation, beautification and safety issues have already been discussed, Whiteside said.

The club will be the fourth operating within the city. The first was begun over a year ago by concerned citizens.

Mayor Wilbert F. Smith said the city would cooperate in any way with both the new organization and the Highland program. "With cooperation of the people," said Smith, "we can put a stop to the problems. This is the salvation of Benton Harbor."

### Safe Too Tough For Amateur

Benton Harbor police said a bungling burglar broke into the Heaven Florist shop, 1031 Pipestone street, early yesterday and made a half-hearted attempt to break open a 400-pound safe.

Police found several burglar tools, including an iron pipe, knife, and jack, around the overturned safe, which had been slightly damaged from repeated banging. They also found candy bar wrappers.

Police said the safe, which refused to yield, contained \$30.

### Vandals Slice Speaker Wires At Restaurant

Eight speaker wires were cut from the intercom system at the Roxy's drive-in, Fourth and Main streets, Benton Harbor police reported. The vandalism was reported yesterday morning by an employee.

Other vandalism reported to the Berrien county sheriff's department included the breaking of two 4 by 5 foot windows at the home of Ed Lull, Jr., Box 554, Territorial road, Bainbridge township.

### Purse Snatchers, 17, Sentenced To Prison

A 17-year-old admitted purse snatcher was sentenced Monday to a 2 1/2 to 10-year prison term by Berrien Circuit Judge Karl F. Zick.

James Earl (Junebug) Jackson, of 688 Vineyard street, Benton Harbor, pleaded guilty Aug. 4 to a charge of larceny from a person in the theft of a purse May 8 in Benton Harbor from Mrs. Marion Janke of St. Joseph.

Despite Jackson's youth, Judge Zick said, the offense was too serious to rate a probation sentence. Jackson has a juvenile crime record.

"We want to help you," the judge said. "You've got to straighten up and become a man."



SENATOR HART

### Sen. Hart Will Attend Dedication

#### BH Memorial To Kennedys

U.S. Senator Philip A. Hart is coming to Benton Harbor and City Commissioner F. Joseph Flaugh expressed the hope last night that his appearance will be a "bipartisan affair."

It looked as if it will be. Democrat Hart is coming at the invitation of Democrat Flaugh to speak at a dedication ceremony for the Kennedy park War Memorial beside city hall.

Mayor Wilbert Smith, a drawer of water for the GOP elephant, genially nodded assent when Flaugh said "I hope some of you good Republicans will turn out."

So far, no date for the dedication ceremony has been set. Flaugh said the event is still in the planning stage.

The \$11,000 monument was built to honor the memory of assassinated President John F. Kennedy. Later, the concept was expanded to include the president's brother, Senator Robert Kennedy, also assassinated.

Mayor Smith said the project, which will now include an honor roll of the city's war dead, is complete except for installation of a plaque and evergreen trees.

#### Record Shark

GUERNSEY, Channel Islands (AP) — Desmond Bougourd fought for 2 1/2 hours to land a 430-pound shark and now he's claiming a British record. The heaviest shark previously caught off Britain weighed 324 pounds.



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## DEFICIT THREAT DOESN'T STIR SUPERVISORS

HUGH W. BLACK  
New Assistant

## Berrien Debates Other Items

Berrien county supervisors Monday received with few comments a report that 1969 county department budgets must be trimmed 8 per cent or the county faces a \$400,000 deficit in January.

Niles Supervisor Sheridan Cook, who presented the budget subcommittee report, said he was surprised at the lack of comment but added, "There's nothing to vote on. They've got to do it (make cuts) or go to the people" for extra voted millage.

Cook told supervisors the county must have by December

some \$825,000 in a special account — on orders from the state auditor — to pay off a 260-bed annex at Berrien General Hospital, Berrien Center. Some \$425,000 may be available, leaving a \$400,000 deficit unless county officials tighten belts during the rest of 1969.

"Berrien county has never had to borrow money," Cook told supervisors. "We're faced with it the first time this year."

"We're not particularly pressed for money after this year . . . provided we don't go into 1970 with a deficit," Supervisors received the re-

port with little more than a proposal from New Buffalo City Supervisor Edward Grieger that department heads running in the red appear before supervisors and explain their need for a "deficit appropriation."

Cook later said his subcommittee will check September county expenses to see if they're lower than August expenses.

"If they aren't, there's nothing you can do," he added.

**CLASH OVER REGISTER**

As if some supervisors sensed the red ink might be flowing, Cook's report was preceded Monday by a scrap over whether

to buy a \$3,971 special cash register for district court and hire two more juvenile probation agents for Berrien juvenile court.

Also Monday, supervisors met Atty. Hugh W. Black, the first of three new assistants for Berrien Prosecutor Ronald Taylor; voted to pay \$200 a month rent to house an ambulance in Chikaming township; okayed a 26-acre lake in Oronoko township; bought seven new patrol cars for the sheriff's department; and approved a contract with Berrien General Hospital to hire four Berrien sheriff's deputies at the hospital at no cost to the county.

The scrap over the register and two agents opened when Supervisor Leslie Fisher called for hiring the agents to meet a juvenile court shortage. It currently has eight and needs 10 to meet a state matching fund minimum requirement.

Supervisors Kenneth Wendzel and Ernest Chase called for a delay before voting on the resolution and Supervisor Lad Stacey asked rhetorically if Berrien county "can afford all these services just because we get money from the state."

Supervisor Cook also pressed for an explanation of where the money is for the two salaries.

But supervisors approved the hiring after other members explained the county could lose monthly matching sums from the state — some \$220,000 this year — if the staff continues to number less than 10 agents.

**APPROVE PURCHASE**

On the issue of the cash register, Wendzel argued the machine should replace personnel while Grieger pressed for setting up the joint fifth and sixth district court first before buying equipment. The two courts merge in September.

The resolution to buy the register also was approved. Two dissenting votes were cast on each measure. Prosecutor Taylor presented to supervisors

Hugh W. Black, 31, a 1966 graduate of Wayne State university law school, as the first of three assistants to be added in his office. Black, who practiced trial law privately three years in Detroit, will continue as trial lawyer for Taylor at \$11,500 a year.

Shortly another trial lawyer and an appeals lawyer will join the prosecutor's staff, Taylor said.

Black and his wife, Sandra, live in Stevensville. They have two children, Mary, 7, and Christopher, almost 2.

County Administration Committee Secretary George Reinhart described deputies at Berrien General Hospital as a security and safety measure for patients and staff, and supervisors agreed to a contract between the county and hospital.

Four Berrien deputies, reportedly all new men, will be hired and the hospital will pay all their salaries, uniform and fringe benefit expenses. Their presence at the hospital should also provide a measure of protection at the nearby county juvenile home, according to Supervisor Otto Grau.

Also Monday, supervisors Voted to buy seven new Plymouth squad cars for the Berrien sheriff's department from low bidder James & Schinske, Galien, for a total of \$12,990. They will replace one extensively damaged and six used cars.

Okayed paying \$200 a month, a form of subsidy, to Tri-County Ambulance Co. for ambulance facilities in Chikaming township. It will serve the Chikaming area.

Okayed a 26-acre lake in Oronoko township for Wilson Trickett and L.C. Oliver. It will serve wildlife and irrigation uses.

Referred to the county administration committee a letter from the state Department of Natural Resources noting the state legislature has cut 1969 matching funds to counties — including Berrien — for marine safety measures.

Accepted a letter from the Berrien road commission that the building at Rocky Gap park has been closed because the concessionaire there has shut down due to vandalism.

Authorized the printing of 10,000 Berrien county information booklets.

Voted to buy dog warden supplies at a maximum cost of \$1,352.

**MAY CAUSE LAYOFF**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army will have to lay off several hundred technicians at major chemical biological warfare plants if a Senate cutback in CBW research is allowed to stand, Pentagon officials report.

SHERIDAN COOK  
Face Deficit

## River District Dumps Merger

## Eau Claire's Response Still Friendly

By RALPH LUTZ  
Staff Writer

Residents of River school district, Sodus township, rejected annexation to the Eau Claire school district by a resounding margin during a special election Monday.

Eau Claire board of education members responded to the returns with a spirit of friendliness by voting to accept ninth grade students from the River primary school on a tuition basis this year.

This vote reversed an earlier decision by the Eau Claire board not to accept ninth graders from River school.

**WIDE MARGINS**

River district residents rejected all three propositions required to effect the annexation. Margins ranged from about 2½ to three - to - one. The vote:

1. Shall River district annex to Eau Claire? Yes, 23; no, 56.

2. Shall River district assume Eau Claire's current operating millage (23.898 mills)? Yes, 20; no, 58.

3. Shall River district assume a proportionate share of Eau Claire's bonded indebtedness (2.46 mills last year on \$270,000)? Yes, 16; no, 49.

Victor Miller, secretary of the River school board, said his board was impressed by the fact that 84 of the district's 110 registered voters balloted on the first two propositions. All registered voters were eligible to ballot on these propositions. The first had five spoiled ballots, while the second had six.

Sixty-seven district residents voted on the third proposition, limited to registered property owners. Two ballots were spoiled.

Miller, who had requested the Eau Claire board to continue taking River ninth graders, said after the election that his board had been shopping around for a high school district for River school ninth graders. He said action by the Eau Claire board at its regular monthly meeting makes sense, since River school is close and convenient to Eau Claire.

In reversing its stand, the Eau Claire board cast four votes to admit River students, while two were absent and one abstained from voting.

Support came from Herbert Teichman, board vice president, who made the motion; John Glassman, board president; George Sharpe, treasurer; and Mrs. Reva Murphy, trustee. Abstaining was Milton L. Taylor, secretary. A voice vote was taken. Absent were Trustees Sheldon Rosenberg and John Kendall.

**FRIENDSHIP CITED**

Teichman said that accepting River ninth graders would have a binding effect, strengthen friendships and prevent an educational loss to the children involved.

Glassman expressed similar sentiments, while optimistically saying that faith will persevere and the Eau Claire district will remain independent and complete a building program.

The Eau Claire board, which had 15 students from River school last year, indicated that it decided earlier to refuse River students in the future because of pressure from the State Department of Education. The state had rejected an ambitious \$2.6 million building program plan and pressured the Eau Claire district to present a building program that could be financed locally and also to acquire more students. Annexation would have given Eau Claire 80 more students from River school. The Eau Claire enrollment last year was about 1,200.

Eau Claire Superintendent Don K. Silcox, who earlier told of pressure from the state, said last night he was disappointed in the River school election outcome. He said the children from River won't feel they have a permanent home at Eau Claire. Trustee Mrs. Murphy said before the vote to accept River students that it may be wise to review the issue later before allowing any more tuition students to attend in the 1970-71 school year.

**STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL**

Board Secretary Taylor termed the River vote a blow to Eau Claire's struggle for survival. He said the present enrollment is too small and the state does not look at tuition students when approving a building pro-

gram plan.

Taylor said that if River district had come "with us, we might have been able to swing a few more districts."

No comments were voiced over what other districts might join Eau Claire. Some board members, however, thanked Silcox for complete fact sheets he had compiled for individual board members on certain areas in the Benton Harbor school district. Among those mentioned were Sodus, Chadwick and Eaman.

Before the returns from River district were reported to Eau Claire, Taylor commented that Victor Miller had been busy during the day, "hauling old people to the polls."

"If it (the election) loses, we know who we can hang the flowers on," said Taylor.

Ninth graders from River school next fall will total only three, Silcox said. He said another five will come from Riverside school in Hagar township, the only other primary district besides River in Berrien county. One tuition student will come from Woods district near Bangor in Van Buren county. How many others will be at Eau Claire is not yet known, said Silcox.

He said that last year, there were 15 from River, 15 from Riverside, two from Woods, 18 privately-paid students, 15 as special education students and 12 from Dowagiac, for a total of 77 tuition students.



ROY H. LIDDLE

## Bridgman Principal Quits Post

**BRIDGMAN** — The resignation of Bridgman high school principal Roy H. Liddle was accepted by the Bridgman board of education in a special meeting last night.

Liddle, who has been with the Bridgman school system for two years, has accepted a position of assistant high school principal with the Huron Valley school district near Milford, Mich.

Prior to coming to Bridgman he was employed by the Milford school system.

The board made no decision as to a replacement but Superintendent Gerard Keidel said qualified applicants may apply at his office.

In other business the board retained Dyo and Company of Kalamazoo, professional appraisers, to make a system-wide appraisal for insurance and inventory purposes.

**MICHIGAN HELPS**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michigan shared in the record-setting number of enrollees in federally funded manpower programs, Secretary of Labor George P. Schultz announced Monday.

## Coloma 'Stockholders' OK Millage Boost By 8 Votes

COLOMA — The Coloma school board "corporation" raised its "prices" last night thanks to eight voters. School board members

had likened the school system to a corporation saying they could not arbitrarily hike prices when costs rose.

But by a slim 478 yes to 470 no vote, with four spoiled ballots and two unreturned absentee ballots, the "stockholders" approved three extra operating mills for three years.

The passed millage will account for an additional \$90,000 or about six per cent of the proposed budget of \$1,600,000.

"We're quite happy about it (the vote)," said school board president Marshall Badt. "It insures the continuance of our excellent school system."

Badt said he thanks all voters for coming out to the polls to make for a turnout Badt called "good for this type of vote."

Had the millage not passed, cutbacks to be considered would have included curtailed bus service, no replacement of resigning teachers, possible elimination of counselors, possible dropping of junior high athletics, custodial staff cutback and a general cutback in all extra curricular activities.

The Coloma district currently has ten extra voted

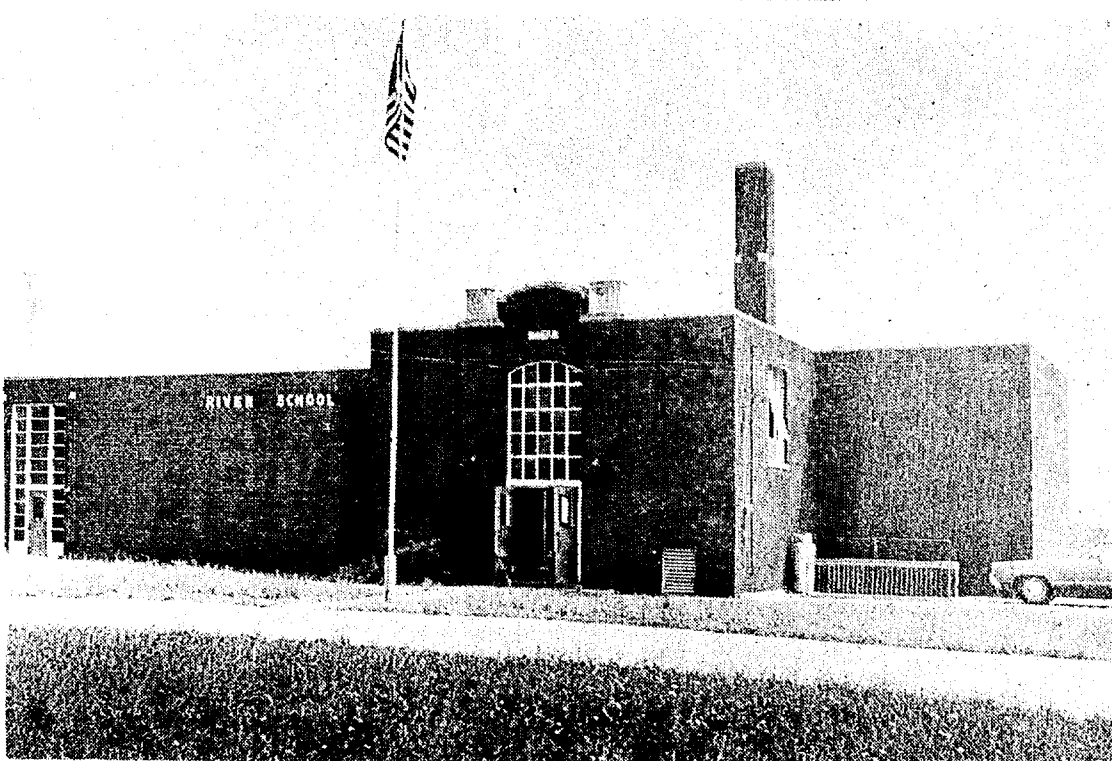
mills and 9,898 allocated mills totaling 19,898 mills. The district has adequate funds for debt retirement needs for 1969-70, but the board has indicated it will require another 3.4 mills for debt retirement in 1970-71.

## Independent Party Linked To Klan

KALAMAZOO (AP) — Neal Bradley, public relations chairman of the state American Independent Party, has claimed a Detroit-area based power block is trying to control the affairs of the state party.

He said following the party's 1969 spring convention, "it was learned this power block was working in close affiliation with the United Klans of America which is in direct violation of party resolutions."

Bradley said at the February convention in Howell, the eastern bloc used Ku Klux Klansmen as sergeants at arms.



**STILL IN BUSINESS:** River school at 4439 River road, Sodus township, will continue to serve as a primary district for primary through eighth grades. District voters Monday voted to defeat all three propositions required to effect annexation of River school to Eau Claire. River school, more than 100

years old, is one of two primary districts left in Berrien county. Other is Riverside, Hagar township. River school opened about 1862. School burned in 1927 and was replaced in following year. Newer portion to left was added in 1955. (Staff photo)

## Eight Mills Win Approval Of Hartford School Voters

HARTFORD — Voters here approved a renewal of the school district's six operating mills and two additional mills by a margin of 96 votes in a special election held last night.

The millage levy of eight mills for one year was passed with 489 yes votes cast and 393 no votes. There were 10 spoiled ballots.

Superintendent Gary Watterkamp said he was greatly relieved with the voters' approval. He said last week that extra-curricular activities would have to be dropped and half-day sessions be started for elementary students if the millage had failed.

The millage approval will bring in \$146,000 in operating funds for the school district's 1,600 students.

Passage of the eight mills will also provide three relocatable classrooms for the South elementary school and prevent the firing of 17 teachers in the district.

**EARLIER DEFEAT**

An earlier election for 10 mills for operating funds, held in June, was defeated

by an almost two to one margin with 330 no votes being cast and 179 yes votes.

The total tax rate for this year will now be 26.18 mills with a breakdown including: 8.68 mills allocated, 4 mills voted in 1968, 1 mill for building and site, 4.5 mills for debt retirement, 6 mills renewal plus 2 mills for